SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Sir, I would like to know whether unregulated tourism was recently seen in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, where one, Mr. Harshavardhan had deliberately irritated the tigers, and the tigers attacked a couple of tourists. Is it a fact that because of the free flow tourist traffic inside the Dudhwa Tiger Project the tigers are being disturbed?

SHRI T. R. BAALU : Sir, it is a partial fact. Many of the vehicles had been taken inside the tourist zone only. But they had stopped the passage by which the tigers had to go. Suddenly, they sprang at the tourists.

MR. Chairman : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Assistance to FPIs

*687. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under technology upgradation, establishment and modernisation of food processing industries, the Ministry is providing financial assistance to the implementing agencies;

(b) if so, the details of assistance provided by Government during the last two years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) what inventive methods Government propose to introduce in the food processing sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N. T. SHANMUGAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Details of financial assistance extended for major schemes during 2001-02 and 2002-03 are given below :

Amount in Rs. Lakhs

S. No.	State	2001-02	2002-03
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	35.99	124.74
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	43.56
3.	Assam	87.54	193.46
4.	Bihar	1.00	—
5.	Chhattisgarh	200.00	—
6.	Goa	5.13	—
7.	Gujarat	32.40	27.41
8.	Haryana	265.40	231.00

1	2	3	4
9.	Himachal Pradesh	—	111.36
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	190.15	511.22
11.	Karnataka	578.30	41.85
12.	Kerala	209.50	179.90
13.	Madhya Pradesh	615.00	590.03
14.	Maharashtra	178.16	795.44
15.	Manipur	232.42	331.86
16.	Meghalaya	—	19.10
17.	Mizoram	217.10	—
18.	Nagaland	36.60	—
19.	Orissa	245.06	15.58
20.	Pondicherry	3.00	—
21.	Punjab	132.25	323.45
22.	Rajasthan	—	335.53
23.	Tamil Nadu	495.05	361.54
24.	Tripura	—	63.00
25.	Uttar Pradesh	221.62	119.14
26.	Uttaranchal	17.35	—
27.	West Bengal	102.35	363.54

(c) In the Tenth Plan Schemes, a number of inventive components have been included for approval like value added centres, integrated cold chain, bar coding, assistance for market surveys, irradiation facilities, etc. These innovative components of the schemes provide impetus for speedy growth of the processed food sector.

Damage to agricultural crops by elephants

*688. SHRI SURENDRA LATH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the damage to crops and human lives caused by elephants in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of steps taken to set up additional number of elephants projects to put them at one place and to save the crops in that State ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Damage by elephants to agricultural crops and human lives